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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is responsive to the Official Action dated May 30, 2003, the time for responding thereto being extended for one month in accordance with a petition for extension submitted concurrently herewith.

The Official Action constitutes a requirement for restriction.

Applicants elect to prosecute the invention of Group II, with traverse.

It is respectfully requested that the restriction requirement be reconsidered. It is respectfully submitted that the inventions of Groups I-IX do relate to a single general concept.

The present claims satisfy the unity of the invention because all claims are common in that all of the compounds have the spiro chemical structure and the same utility, i.e. the same pharmaceutical effect.

Particularly, Group II, Group IV and spirooxazole of Group IX are the same in having 1,3-oxazole. Therefore, at least, Group II, Group IV and spirooxazole of Group IX should be recognized to satisfy the unity of the invention.

Favorable reconsideration and action on the merits is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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